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SUBJECT : Biographic Information: Paul F. Langer Report on
 Meeting with Kaoru YASUI

REF :

Enclosed is a report by Dr. Paul F. Langer, noted scholar on Japanese political affairs, about Dr. Kaoru YASUI, Lenin Peace Prize winner and leader of the Japanese Council Against A- and H- Bombs (Gensuikyo). The occasion for the report was a meeting between Yasui and Langer on November 19, 1963, while Yasui was on a speaking tour of the United States. Langer's study provides not only an outline of Yasui's "message" in the United States, and an accurate analysis of the Japanese background against which Yasui's line was formulated, but also an excellent character study of Yasui himself.

In the report, three things are made particularly clear about Yasui: (1) whatever his formal affiliations, he is an admitted, active Marxist; (2) he is a highly-intelligent, glib, and effective proponent of the Communist "peace" line; and (3) personally, he is a very shifty, slippery fellow. Having, since the war, already made the transition from Japanese ultranationalism to international Communism, he is now dancing a nimble jig on the tightwire between Moscow and Peking.

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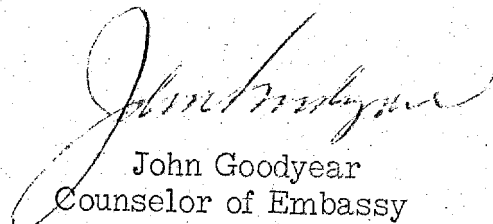
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Comment:

(1) The Department is aware of the circumstances surrounding Yasui's visit to the U.S., and the details of the visa matter to which he refers. Neither Yasui's trip nor the visa problem drew any attention in Japan, the trip being accorded only minimal space in the press.

(2) The enclosed report was received by the Embassy under cover of a personal letter to the Ambassador. Mr. Langer offered the study for use as the Ambassador might see fit, but specified that it was not intended for publication or general circulation. It has been classified Limited Official Use, not only to respect the wishes of the writer, but most particularly to protect the relationship which Mr. Langer has cultivated with Yasui and other members of the Japanese extreme left.

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Report by Dr. Paul F. Langer on Meeting with Kaoru Yasui.

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